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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of the allowed claims. The cited references are considered relevant to applicant's disclosure as disclosing the pressing of bumps through a layer of encapsulant; however, the references do not teach of suggest all of the limitations of the allowed claims, for example the limitations of the extension-portion forming member for forming the contact area increasing portion.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Drawings

The replacement drawings for Fig. 18, Fig. 19, Fig. 20A-20D, 21, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48 were received on 10-19-2005. These drawings are acceptable.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Caridad M. Everhart whose telephone number is 571-272-1892. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Fridays 7:30-4:00.

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